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SUBJECT: KOREA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - PANAMA

REFS: A. STATE 195240; B. STATE 195243; C. PANAMA 4916 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON PEDRO BRIN (DIRECTOR, FONMIN OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CONFERENCES AND TREATIES), LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE DRAWING ON GUIDANCE REF A.

2. DURING CONVERSATION, BRIN STATED HE HAD DISCUSSED PANAMA'S PARTICIPATION AT LIMA WITH MINISTER-NEGOTIATOR TACK (WHOM BRIN STILL REFERS TO AS THE MINISTER) SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION REF C (BEING REPEATED USUN, LIMA). BRIN WENT ON TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT WHILE PANAMA WOULD JOIN NON-ALIGNED GROUP IN LIMA, PANAMA WOULD NOT THEREBY ACCEPT ANY COMMITMENT TO ADHERE TO OR SUPPORT POSITIONS TAKEN BY NON-ALIGNED ON PARTICULAR UN OR OTHER ISSUES. AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US, ISRAEL WAS ONE SUCH ISSUE. KOREA WAS ANOTHER ON WHICH PANAMA WOULD FORM ITS OWN POSITION, NOT SIMPLY
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ACCEPT THAT OF NON-ALIGNED; HOWEVER, PANAMA HAS NOT YET

DECIDED ITS POSITION ON KOREA. WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT GOP STRATEGY RE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WILL BE DECIDED IN MEETING WITH TORRIJOS AND TOP ADVISERS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR BOYD AND TACK IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. COMMENT: BRIN'S POINTED STATEMENT THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF PANAMA'S PARTICIPATION IN NAG WITH TACK MADE CLEAR HE WAS CONVEYING DELIBERATE MESSAGE THAT US NOT ASSUME, OR BECOME CONCERNED, THAT PANAMA WILL BE ENDORSING ALL RADICAL, NON-HEMISPHERIC ISSUES BEFORE NAG. WHILE HE DID NOT ADDRESS SUBSTANCE

OF PANAMA'S "OWN" POSITION ON KOREA, WE DO NOT RPT NOT FORESEE PANAMANIAN SUPPORT FOR HOSTILE RES AT LIMA OR IN NEW YORK. AT A LATER STAGE, WHEN PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION IN NEW YORK IS CLEAR, FURTHER APPROACH WOULD PROBABLY BE FRUITFUL TO TRY TO ASSURE NEGATIVE VOTE, RATHER THAN ABSTENTION, ONHOSTILE RES. GOP COSPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RES (USUN 3423) NOT MENTIONED BY BRIN, BUT AIDE MEMOIRE INCLUDED RENEWED EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR SUCH COSPONSORSHIP. END COMMENT.
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